

# FARRINGTON IS BITTER CRITIC OF JOHN LEWIS

### Makes Fiery Address Before Miners' Assembly at Muskogee

WILKINSON IS FLAYED

### District President Forced to Give Way to Fiery Criticism of Action

## HOWAT TREACHERY VICTIM

## Illinois Leader Says He Is Trying to Save, Not Kill International Union

By the Associated Press.  
MUSKOGEE, May 17.—A bitter attack on John L. Lewis, international president of the United Mine Workers of America, was made here late today by Frank Farrington, president of the Illinois district of the union, in an address before the special convention of district 21.

The Illinois president arrived at the convention hall unaccompanied while President Wilkinson was naming a committee to escort him from Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas.

President Farrington flayed the international head of the union as one who "was doing more than any other man" to destroy the international miners' union.

his hotel. He was received with vigorous applause which melted away as delegates became aware of a threatened clash between James Doyle of Henryetta, Okla., and C. C. Cummins of Calhoun, Ark., delegates. Doyle and Cummins shouted across the room and started toward each other as other delegates jumped from their seats and held them apart. Doyle was led from the room while President Wilkinson pounded his desk and shouted ineffectually for order.

Farrington was accompanied by Vice President Harry Fishwick of Illinois. Farrington made his speech at once to the platform and shook hands with Wilkinson and E. K. Ross, secretary-treasurer of district 21. Dropping routine matters that were before the convention, President Wilkinson announced that Farrington would speak. He introduced him as a man "with whom I have

Wilkinson then repeated the charge he had previously made that "the Oklahoma Leader and President Farrington were attempting to overthrow the international organization." He explained that he repeated the statement in order that the Illinois leader might know what

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Immediately Farrington sprang to his feet with the declaration that he "had not come down here to be tried."  
"I came here to address this convention," he shouted. "Now I am charged with trying to disrupt the organization. I say to you, President Wilkinson, that I have no respect for the man who tries to disrupt the United Mine Workers of America. I will stay long enough for you to prove your charges if you can. You have no records to prove

The Kansas miners are the victims of the most treacherous, high-handed policy ever conceived, not only within the United Mine Workers, but within the ranks of organized labor as a whole. Wilkinson has tried by his statement to discredit me so that what I say here in regard to the Kansas mine situation will not be given credence.

If Lewis is the United Mine Workers of America, then the charge that I am trying to destroy the union is true; but if he is not the charge that Wilkinson made is as true. Any agent any human being can make, I am going to destroy the United Mine Workers of

American. Neither am I going to stand by and see someone else outrage the principles of our union, and if harmony is to be bought by letting this outrage go on then there

with no harmony, and I would have a terrible time. I could go on Lewis' hand wagon and others are doing. I could keep still and all would be easy, but I won't do it. Not only am I not trying to destroy the union myself, but I am doing my share to keep it from being destroyed. We had our union made when John Wilkinson got here, and unless the conduct of certain gentlemen changes, the thinking Workers are going to be seriously divided if not destroyed."

President Farrington declared that the Kansas situation had been so forgotten that it was difficult to re-

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